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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 8353

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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS

REF: TEHRAN 8282

SUMMARY: PAST TWO DAYS HAVE SEEN STREET RIOTS IN TEHRAN  
WITH 183 DETAINED, MORE RIOTING IN TABRIZ AND SOME FAINT  
STIRRINGS IN ISFAHAN. MANY CLERGY NOW TRYING TO SETTLE  
MOBS DOWN WITH SPORADIC SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS REPORTS SEVERAL CLASHES BETWEEN MOBS AND POLICE  
IN SOUTH TEHRAN, AND ONE IN SHEMIRAN AREA OF NORTH TEHRAN  
BETWEEN CROWD OF SEVERAL HUNDRED WHICH LEFT TAJRISH MOSQUE  
EVENING AUGUST 29. LATTER CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCE.

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ONE DEATH AND 200 ARRESTS REPORTED COUNTRY-WIDE FOR PAST  
FEW DAYS, WITH 183 DETAINED IN TEHRAN. DEATH OCCURRED  
IN REZAYIEH RIOT AROUND A MOSQUE.

2. SHIRAZ CONSULATE REPORTS THAT CITY QUIET. ISFAHAN  
NOW QUIET AFTER BRIEF FLURRY WHEN FARSI PRESS ON AUGUST  
28 ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED THAT AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI WOULD BE

RETURNING TO IRAN. U.S. CONSULATE THERE REPORTS THAT GROUPS WHICH BEGAN TO FORM IN CONTRAVENTION OF MARTIAL LAW WERE DISPERSED BY ARMY WITH MUCH TACT AND DISCRETION AND THEREBY PROBABLY PREVENTED SERIOUS BLOWUP. U.S. CONSULATE TABRIZ REPORTS MOBS HAVE FOUGHT WITH POLICE EVERY DAY FOR PAST FIVE DAYS. SIMILAR SITUATION HAS OCCURRED AT MARGARAGEH.

3. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND MANY CLERGY ARE NOW TRYING TO CALM DOWN MOSQUE CONGREGATIONS, BUT THERE ARE STILL MULLAHS WHO PERSIST IN AGITATING. IN SOME CASES, CROWDS TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO REACT. SHEMIRAN MOB IS FIRST TIME NORTHERN PART OF CITY HAS SEEN THIS KIND OF EVENT, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL REPORTS OF POLICE GUNFIRE IN THIS AREA IN PAST. WEEKEND EXPECTED TO BE FAIRLY QUIET, WITH FAITHFUL LOOKING FORWARD TO END OF RAMAZAN SEPT 4.  
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